

# Town of Lovettsville



## *The National Anthem* **The Star Spangled Banner**

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



## **MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

Lovettsville Veterans Memorial  
Town Square  
Monday, May 25, 2015  
11:30 a.m.

## History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday, which occurs every year on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20<sup>th</sup> century Memorial Day was extended to honor all Americans who died in all wars. Traditionally, a United States Flag is placed at each Veteran's grave in Arlington National Cemetery and many, many other cemeteries around the country. Each year flags are placed at Veterans graves in local cemeteries, including Lovettsville Union Cemetery, St. James Reformed Cemetery, the Old Presbyterian Cemetery, and the New Jerusalem Cemetery.

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## Significance of the Poppy

The long-cherished Memorial Day tradition of wearing red poppies got its start in 1915. While reading *Ladies' Home Journal*, an overseas war secretary named Moina Michael came across the famous World War I poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae, which begins, "In Flanders fields the poppies blow/ Between the crosses, row on row." Moved, she vowed always to wear a silk poppy in honor of the American soldiers who gave up their lives for their country. The American Legion embraced the symbol in 1921, and the tradition has spread to more than 50 other countries, including England, France, and Australia.

## MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

WELCOME	MAYOR ROBERT ZOLDOS II
PRESENTING THE COLORS*	COL. WESLEY FOX YOUNG MARINES
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*	LOVETTSVILLE SCOUTS
NATIONAL ANTHEM*	LOVETTSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHORUS
POSTING OF COLORS*	COL. WESLEY FOX YOUNG MARINES
INVOCATION*	PASTOR LEE CROSBY MT. OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
RECOGNITION OF VETERANS	MAYOR ROBERT ZOLDOS II
RECOGNITION OF GUESTS	MAYOR ROBERT ZOLDOS II
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	HUGH "BUGS" FORSYTHE, MAJ. GEN. (RET)
FLAG RAISING CEREMONY*	COL. WESLEY FOX YOUNG MARINES
PLACING OF WREATH*	COL. WESLEY FOX YOUNG MARINES LOVETTSVILLE SCOUTS
TAPS*	JONATHAN HEINZE WOODGROVE HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	MAYOR ROBERT ZOLDOS II
BENEDICTION*	PASTOR LEE CROSBY MT. OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
RETIRING THE COLORS*	COL. WESLEY FOX YOUNG MARINES
GOD BLESS AMERICA	LOVETTSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHORUS

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